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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Friday, 16 October 1998

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Afghanistan (S/1998/913)

Briefing by the Secretariat

Other matters

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

10 a.m.	39th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

1. World Solar Programme 1996-2005: draft resolution (A/53/L.8) [158].

2. Election of judges of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 [166]:

   (a) Letter from the President of the Security Council (A/52/1023);

   (b) Memorandum by the Secretary-General, including the list of candidates (A/53/351);

   (c) Curricula Vitae (A/53/352).

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m. — 7th meeting — Conference Room 4

Continuation of general debate:

Viet Nam
United Kingdom (President of the Conference on Disarmament)
Democratic People's Republic of Korea
Cuba
Venezuela
Croatia
Belarus
Mauritius
Benin

3 p.m.-6 p.m. — 8th meeting — Conference Room 4

Continuation of general debate:

Niger
Ecuador
Burkina Faso
Myanmar (on behalf of Association of Southeast Asian Nations)
Uganda
Kuwait
Botswana
Ghana
Democratic Republic of the Congo
Nigeria

[Documents of the First Committee (A/C.1/53/INF.1)]

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m. — 15th meeting — Conference Room 2

1. Macroeconomic policy questions [91]

   (b) Financing of development, including net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.4

   (c) Commodities

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.5

   (d) External debt crisis and development

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.2

2. Operational activities [95] (A/53/226, A/53/226/Add.1-4, A/53/186, A/53/154, A/53/363, A/53/85)

   Conclusion of general discussion

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m. — 15th meeting — Conference Room 1

1. Crime prevention and criminal justice [101]

   Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.3/53/L.8 and L.9

2. International drug control [102]

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.7

3. Advancement of women [103] (A/53/38/Rev.1, A/53/72-S/1998/156, A/53/87, A/53/95-S/1998/311, A/53/167, A/53/203, A/53/318, A/53/354, A/53/363, A/53/376, A/53/409 and A/53/447*)

   Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women [104] (A/53/72-S/1998/156, A/53/87, A/53/95-S/1998/311 and A/53/308)

   Continuation of general discussion

4. Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family [100]

   Action on draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.6

5. Crime prevention and criminal justice [101]

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/53/L.2, L.3 and L.4

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* To be issued.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-10.30 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 3

Conclusion of informal consultations on agenda item 143 (Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: (a) Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: Support Account (A/52/837 and Corr.1, A/52/892 and A/53/418))

10.30 a.m.	9th meeting	Conference Room 3

1. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations [118] (A/C.5/53/23 and A/C.5/53/24)

2. Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations [143]

   (a) Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations

   Support Account for Peacekeeping Operations

   *Consideration and action on draft resolution A/C.5/53/L.9**

Morning**-1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 114 (Programme planning (A/53/6 (Prog.1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 13/Rev.1, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 23 and Corr.1 and Corr.2 (French only), 24 and Corr.1, 26, 27 and 28), A/53/16, A/53/90, A/53/122 and Add.1, A/53/133 and Corr.1 (Spanish only) and A/53/134))

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* To be issued.

** Following the adjournment of the 9th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	5th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization [154] (A/53/33, A/53/312, A/53/326, A/53/386)

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Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE AND THIRD COMMITTEE

Panel discussion

In observance of the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty, the Chairmen of the Second Committee and the Third Committee will co-preside over a panel discussion on the theme "Poverty, Human Rights and Development", chosen by the General Assembly, which will be held *today*, 16 October 1998, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 2. The panellists will be Mr. Nitin Desai, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, Mr. Bacre Ndiaye, Director, New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, Ms. Diana Skelton, ATD Fourth World International Movement, and Mr. Douglas Hellinger, Executive Director, The Development Gap. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, the representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Friday, 16 October 1998

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(item 92 (b): final reading of the draft resolution on industrial development cooperation; item 95: final reading of the draft resolution on operational activities for development)

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

AFRICAN GROUP:

GROUP OF EXPERTS ON ECONOMIC MATTERS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE
(item 104 (Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women))

1.30 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

MOVEMENT OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES:

WORKING GROUP ON DISARMAMENT

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

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Informal briefings

An informal briefing by the Population Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) and the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) on the follow-up to the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) will be held *today*, 16 October 1998, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, the representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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An informal briefing by the International Labour Organization Liaison Office with the United Nations, co-sponsored by the Division for the Advancement of Women, on the new ILO international Programme (More and Better Jobs for Women) will be held *today*, 16 October 1998, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.15 p.m. in Conference Room 7. Ms. Lin Lim, manager of the new Programme and editor of the recent ILO report entitled "The Sex Sector: The Economic and Social Bases of Prostitution in Southeast Asia", will be the main speaker. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, the representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. Additional information on the new Programme and the ILO report are available on Internet at the following addresses:

www.ilo.org/public/english/60empfor/women/index.htm
www.ilo.org/public/english/235press/pr/1998/31.htm
www.ilo.org/public/french/235press/pr/1998/31.htm
www.ilo.org/public/spanish/235press/pr/1998/31.htm

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There will be a briefing, organized by the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, on displacement in Colombia, *today*, 16 October 1998, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room B. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, the representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Meeting of co-sponsors

A meeting of possible co-sponsors of the draft resolution entitled "Small Arms", organized by the delegation of Japan, will be held *today*, 16 October 1998, from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

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Announcement

As from Friday, 2 October 1998, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place at 1.15 p.m., or shortly after the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Monday, 19 October 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	9th meeting	Conference Room 4

Continuation of general debate:

Uruguay
Namibia
Holy See
Sri Lanka
Singapore
Tunisia
Republic of Moldova
Kyrgyzstan
Peru
International Committee of the Red Cross
Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

3 p.m.	9th meeting	Conference Room 4

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	16th meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	17th meeting	Conference Room 2

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	16th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	17th meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	10th meeting	Conference Room 3
Afternoon*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

* Following the adjournment of the 10th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	6th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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Committees

THIRD COMMITTEE

Informal consultations

The Vice-Chairperson of the Committee, Ms. Sandru (Romania), will hold informal consultations on a draft proposal on the implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women, (agenda item 104) on Monday and Tuesday, 19 and 20 October 1998, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Ahmad Kamal (Pakistan), on Tuesday, 20 October 1998, at 10 a.m. sharp in Conference Room 9.

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The Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women invites delegations to propose names for panellists to participate in the forty-third session of the Commission (March 1999). The topics of the panels will be: (1) women and health; and (2) institutional mechanisms for the advancement of women. Delegations are kindly requested to submit names and curricula vitae, indicating the specific panel for which they are being proposed, to the Division for the Advancement of Women (room DC2-1216), *no later than* Tuesday, 20 October 1998.

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United Nations Children's Fund

The Executive Board of UNICEF will hold an informal meeting on resource mobilization on Monday, 19 October 1998, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

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of any opinion whatsoever on the part of the
Secretariat of the United Nations.

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 of the Third Committee *(on item 108 (Elimination of racism and racial discrimination))* on Monday and Tuesday, 19 and 20 October 1998, at 1.30 p.m. in Conference Rooms 7 and 9, respectively.

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 of the Fourth Committee *(on information)* on Tuesday, 20 October 1998, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

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There will be a meeting of the Arab Group *(at the ambassadorial level)* on Tuesday, 20 October 1998, at 3.30 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

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Informal meetings

There will be an informal meeting, organized by the delegation of Canada, on Monday, 19 October 1998, at 5 p.m. in Conference Room B, to welcome the offer of the Government of Mozambique to host the first meeting of the States parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on Their Destruction in Maputo (May 1999) and to open the co-sponsorship of the First Committee draft resolution on the Convention (agenda item 71 (d)). All representatives of States that have ratified the Convention, States signatories and other interested delegations are invited to attend.

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There will be an informal meeting, organized by the delegation of Brazil, for an exchange of views regarding the First Committee draft resolution on the nuclear-weapon-free southern hemisphere and adjacent areas (agenda item 71 (o)) on Tuesday, 20 October 1998, at 5 p.m. in Conference Room B. All interested delegations and co-sponsors are invited to attend.

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There will be an informal meeting, organized by the International NGO Committee on Human Rights, on the theme "The United Nations Human Rights Mechanisms: An Update" on Wednesday, 21 October 1998, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room C. Mr. Ross Hynes, Minister Counselor, Permanent Mission of Canada to the United Nations, and Mr. Bacre Waly Ndiaye, Director, New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, will be among the panellists. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, the representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Informal briefings

An informal briefing by the Office of the Special Coordinator for Africa and the Least Developed Countries of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (OSCAL/DESA) on the Secretary-General's progress report on the implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s (UN-NADAF) (A/53/390* and Add.1*) will be held on Tuesday, 20 October 1998, from 11.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. in Conference Room A. Members of permanent missions and representatives of interested organizations are invited to attend.

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* To be issued.

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There will be an informal meeting and exchange of views, organized by the International Monetary Fund (IMF), on the theme "The New Architecture for an International Monetary System - the IMF Perspective", on Thusday, 22 October 1998, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7. Mr. J. B. Zulu, IMF Special Representative to the United Nations and Director of the New York IMF Office, will make a presentation. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, the representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Informal presentation

There will be an informal presentation, organized by the World Bank, on "Memory and Vision: Cultural Identity in a Changing World" on Wednesday, 21 October 1998, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7. Mr. Ismail Serageldin, Vice-President for Special Programs of the World Bank, will make the presentation. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Thursday, 15 October 1998

SECURITY COUNCIL

3935th meeting

The situation in Central African Republic

Second report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic (S/1998/783 and Add.1)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of the Central African Republic, at her request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/1998/948, which had been prepared in the course of the Council's prior consultations.

The Council then proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution before it (S/1998/948).

Decision: The draft resolution (S/1998/948) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1201 (1998).

3936th meeting

The situation in Angola

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Observer Mission in Angola (S/1998/931)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of Angola, at his request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/1998/952, which had been submitted by Portugal, the Russian Federation and the United States of America.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard a statement by the Vice-Minister for Territorial Administration of Angola.

The Council then proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution before it (S/1998/952).

Decision: The draft resolution (S/1998/952) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1202 (1998).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

38th plenary meeting

World Solar Programme 1996-2005: draft resolution (A/53/L.8) [158]

The representative of Zimbabwe made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/53/L.8.

Statements were made by the representatives of India, Malaysia, Senegal, Jamaica and Cyprus.

Observer status for the Association of Caribbean States in the General Assembly: draft resolution (A/53/L.3) [159]

The representative of Guatemala made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/53/L.3.

Statements were made by the representatives of India, Italy, Colombia, Guyana and Cuba.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/53/L.3 (resolution 53/5).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 159.

Observer status for the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development in the General Assembly: draft resolution (A/53/L.4) [162]

The representative of Poland made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/53/L.4.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/53/L.4 (resolution 53/6).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 162.

Programme of work

The President informed the General Assembly that agenda item 23 (Cooperation between the United Nations and the Caribbean Community) originally scheduled for Wednesday, 22 October 1998, would be considered on Thursday, 29 October 1998.

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE 6th meeting

General debate

The Committee continued its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of Canada, Turkey, Norway, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Belarus (Chairman of the Disarmament Commission), New Zealand, Brunei Darussalam, Argentina, Uzbekistan and Cameroon, as well as by the Executive Secretary of the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization.

In the exercise of their right of reply, statements were made by the representatives of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and Pakistan.

SECOND COMMITTEE 13th meeting

Operational activities for development [95]

The Committee continued its consideration of the item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Austria (on behalf of the European Union, the Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia, and the associated country, Cyprus, as well as the EFTA country member of the EEA, Iceland, which aligned themselves with this statement), Brazil, the United States, Bangladesh, Norway, Nepal, Australia (on behalf of Canada, New Zealand and Australia), Burkina Faso, the Russian Federation, the Marshall Islands, Myanmar, Pakistan, Ethiopia, China, Turkey, the Republic of Korea, and Ghana.

The observer for Switzerland made a statement.

The Associate Administrator of UNDP made a statement.

14th meeting

The Committee continued its consideration of agenda item 95.

Statements were made by the representatives of India, Japan, Algeria, Jamaica (on behalf of the Caribbean Community) and Ukraine.

The representatives of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization and the United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS made statements.

Panel discussion

The Committee held a panel discussion on "Building national capacities: some lessons".

The panellists, Mr. Roger Maconick, Coordinator of Impact Evaluation of the Development Cooperation Policy Branch of DESA, Mr. Peter Morgan, Senior Consultant on Capacity-Building, Mr. Eduardo Wiesner, former Minister of Finance of Colombia and former Executive Director of IBRD, Mr. Rajaona Andriamananjara, Director of IMATEP, Madagascar, made presentations and responded to questions raised by the representatives of the Republic of Korea, the Czech Republic, Norway, Austria, Switzerland, Japan, Venezuela, Ireland, Yemen and the United States.

The Chief, Development and Cooperation Branch, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, made a statement and also responded to questions raised.

THIRD COMMITTEE 13th meeting

Advancement of women [103]

Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women [104]

The Committee continued its consideration of the items and heard statements by the representatives of New Zealand, Lebanon, Algeria, Panama (on behalf of the Rio Group), Uganda, Ecuador, Cuba, Ukraine, Argentina, Slovakia, Yemen, Côte d'Ivoire, the United Republic of Tanzania and El Salvador.

Statements were made by the representatives of the World Food Programme and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.

The representative of the International Organization for Migration also made a statement.

14th meeting

The Committee continued its consideration of agenda items 103 and 104 and heard statements by the representatives of Afghanistan, Senegal, Kuwait, Brazil, France, Guatemala, Turkey, the Republic of Korea, Malaysia, Singapore, the Syrian Arab Republic, Mongolia and the United States.

The representative of the United Nations Children's Fund made a statement.

The representative of the International Committee of the Red Cross also made a statement.

FIFTH COMMITTEE 8th meeting

Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara [125]

Financing of the United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan [136]

Financing of the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force [140]

The Committee began its consideration of these agenda items.

The Controller introduced the reports of the Secretary-General (A/52/730/Add.2 and Add.3 and Add.3/Corr.1 (French only) and Add 3/Corr.2, A/52/772/Add.2 and A/53/437). [The related reports of the Advisory Committee were contained in documents A/53/474 (agenda items 125 and 136) and A/53/481 (agenda item 140).]

The representative of Morocco made a statement.

The Controller replied to questions raised.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion on these agenda items.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on these agenda items would begin on Monday, 19 October, in the morning, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Gabrielle Duschner (Canada) for MINURSO (agenda item 125), Mr. Lovemore Mazemo (Zimbabwe) for UNPREDEP (agenda item 140) and the Chairman of the Committee for UNMOT (agenda item 140).

Programme planning [114]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Philippines (on behalf of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations), the Russian Federation, Egypt, Mexico and the Republic of Korea.

The Chairman of the Committee for Programme and Coordination, Mr. Bagher Asadi (Islamic Republic of Iran), made a concluding statement.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion on this agenda item.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this agenda item would begin on Friday, 16 October, following the adjournment of the 9th meeting of the Committee, under the chairmanship of Mr. Nester Odaga-Jalomayo (Uganda).

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [112]

Human resources management [119]

The Committee resumed its consideration of these agenda items.

Gratis personnel provided by governments and other entities

The representative of the Bahamas, Vice-Chairman of the Committee and Coordinator of informal consultations, introduced and orally corrected draft resolution A/C.5/53/L.8.

The Director of the Operational Services Division of the Office of Human Resources Management made a statement.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution as orally corrected.

The Committee thus concluded this stage of its consideration of the question under these agenda items.

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United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD
Forty-fifth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

THURSDAY, 15 OCTOBER 1998

SESSIONAL COMMITTEE I 1st meeting

Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s [5]

(a) *Trade and investment in LDCs: opportunities and constraints in the multilateral trading*

(b) *Contribution of the Board to the consideration by the General Assembly, at its fifty-third session, of the date, duration and venue of the Third United Nations Conference on LDCs and its preparatory process*

The Committee elected Mr. Abdul Mannan (Bangladesh) as its Vice-Chairman-cum-Rapporteur.

The Chairman, H.E. Mr. Pekka Huhtaniemi (Finland), made an opening statements.

The Deputy Secretary-General of UNCTAD addressed the Committee.

Statements were made by the following representatives: Costa Rica (on behalf of the Group of 77), Austria (on behalf of the European Union), Bangladesh (on behalf of the Least Developed Countries), Zambia (on behalf of the African Group), India (on behalf of the Asian Group), Ethiopia, Haiti (on behalf of the Latin American and the Caribbean Group), Madagascar, Norway, the Sudan, Egypt, Yemen, Poland and Switzerland.

2nd meeting

The Sessional Committee continued the general debate on agenda item 5 and heard statements by the representative of China and the representative of the European Commission, as well as by the representatives of the United Republic of Tanzania, Uganda, South Africa, Japan, the United States, the Republic of Korea and Cuba.

The Deputy Secretary-General of UNCTAD responded to questions raised at the 1st meeting.

The Committee thus concluded its general debate on item 5.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Amendments to the Convention on the International Maritime Organization, relating to the institutionalization of the Facilitation Committee in the Convention. 7 November 1991

Acceptance: United States of America (14 October 1998)*

Amendments to articles 16, 17 and 19 (b) of the Convention on the International Maritime Organization. 4 November 1993

Acceptance: United States of America (14 October 1998)*

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade. Rotterdam, 10 September 1998

Signature: Angola (11 September 1998)
Signature: Argentina (11 September 1998)
Signature: Armenia (11 September 1998)
Signature: Austria (11 September 1998)
Signature: Barbados (11 September 1998)
Signature: Belgium (11 September 1998)
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Signature: United Republic of Tanzania (11 September 1998)

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Signature: Uruguay (11 September 1998)
Signature: European Community (11 September 1998)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

International Day for the Eradication of Poverty

The Drew University Choir and an artistic presentation by children of the Tapori Movement will mark the commemoration of the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty on the theme "Standing Up for Human Rights in Partnership with the Poorest". This ceremony, co-sponsored by the Department for Social and Economic Affairs/Division for Social Policy and Development, and in collaboration with the International Movement ATD Fourth World, a non-governmental organization, will be held *today*, 16 October 1998, from 12.45 p.m. to 1.45 p.m. in the United Nations gardens. Mr. Nitin Desai, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, and Mrs. Faith Innerarity, Vice-Chairman of the Commission for Social Development, will participate in the ceremony. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Award ceremony

On the occasion of the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty, an awards ceremony, organized by the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Mr. James Gustave Speth, will be held *today*, 16 October 1998, at 7.30 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council. UNDP Goodwill Ambassador, Mr. Danny Glover, will be the Master of Ceremonies.

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Exhibition

On the occasion of the commemoration of the twentieth anniversary of the adoption of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action (BAPA) for Promoting and Implementing Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries (TCDC), an exhibition on South-South Cooperation and Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries, organized by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), is being held in the first basement of the Secretariat building until *today*, 16 October 1998.

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Information Fair

The Annual Inter-Agency Information Fair, organized by the Department of Public Information, will be held in the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building from 20 to 23 October 1998. The event brings together nearly 30 specialized agencies, programmes and departments of the United Nations system, each with representatives on hand to answer questions and distribute brochures, posters and other information materials.

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Monday, 19 October 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m. 9th meeting Conference Room 4

Continuation of general debate:

Uruguay
Namibia
Holy See
Sri Lanka
Singapore
Tunisia
Republic of Moldova
Kyrgyzstan
Peru
International Committee of the Red Cross
Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons

[Documents of the First Committee (A/C.1/53/INF.1)]

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

3 p.m.-6 p.m. 9th meeting Conference Room 4

1. Election of Rapporteur

2. Effects of atomic radiation [81] (A/53/46, A/53/478, A/53/483; A/C.4/53/L.6)

General debate

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m. 16th meeting Conference Room 2

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [93] (A/53/296, A/53/374, A/53/60, A/53/62, A/53/63-S/1998/100, A/53/69, A/53/72-S/1998/156, A/53/95-S/1998/311, A/53/96, A/53/124, A/53/155, A/53/168, A/53/204, A/53/371-S/1998/848, A/53/396, A/53/411, A/53/412, A/53/414, A/53/416, A/53/453)

(a) Implementation of and follow-up to major consensus agreements on development (A/53/301)

(i) Implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of the Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries

(ii) Implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade

Introductory statements and general discussion

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations on draft resolutions A/C.2/53/L.4 (item 91 (b)), A/C.2/53/L.5 (item 91 (c)) and A/C.2/53/L.2 (item 91 (d))

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	16th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	17th meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Advancement of women [103] (A/53/38/Rev.1, A/53/72-S/1998/156, A/53/87, A/53/95-S/1998/311, A/53/167, A/53/203, A/53/318, A/53/354, A/53/363, A/53/376, A/53/409 and A/53/447*)

2. Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women [104] (A/53/72-S/1998/156, A/53/87, A/53/95-S/1998/311 and A/53/308)

Conclusion of general discussion

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* To be issued.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 136 (Financing of the United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan (A/52/772/Add.2 and A/53/474)), 125 (Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara (A/52/730/Add.2 and Add.3 and Corr.1 (French only) and Corr.2 and A/53/474)) and 140 (Financing of the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force (A/53/437 and A/53/481))

3 p.m.	10th meeting	Conference Room 3

1. Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations [143]

(a) Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations

Support account for peacekeeping operations

Consideration and action on draft resolution A/C.5/53/L.9

2. Pattern of conferences [117] (A/51/946, A/52/7 (paras. 113 and 114), A/52/685, A/52/803, A/52/1000, A/53/16 (paras. 334-352), A/53/21, A/53/32, A/53/221, A/53/257 and A/53/507)

Introduction and general discussion

Afternoon*-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 114 (Programme planning (A/53/6 (Prog.1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 13/Rev.1, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 23 and Corr.1 and Corr.2 (French only), 24 and Corr.1, 26, 27 and 28), A/53/16, A/53/90, A/53/122 and Add.1, A/53/133 and Corr.1 (Spanish only) and A/53/134))

[*Note:* Delegations are reminded that the deadline for the submission of candidatures for the vacant posts under agenda subitems 17 (a) to (f) is 6 p.m. Monday, 19 October 1998.]

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* Following the adjournment of the 10th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	6th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization [154] (A/53/33, A/53/312, A/53/326, A/53/386)

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Executive session on financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991

2. Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994

3. Draft report

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Committees

THIRD COMMITTEE

Informal consultations

The Vice-Chairperson of the Committee, Ms. Sandru (Romania), will hold informal consultations on a draft proposal on the implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women, (agenda item 104) on Monday and Tuesday, 19 and 20 October 1998, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

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United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

Informal consultations on agenda item 38 (Oceans and the Law of the Sea) will be held on Monday, 19 October 1998 in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, immediately following the adjournment of 6th meeting of the Sixth Committee.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

United Nations Children's Fund

The Executive Board of UNICEF will hold an informal meeting on resource mobilization on Monday, 19 October 1998, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Monday, 19 October 1998

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on the Development Account)

10 a.m.- 11 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(item 93(d) (Renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership): globalization)

11 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE
(item 108 (Elimination and racism and racial discrimination))

1.30 p.m.- 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

MOVEMENT OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES:

WORKING GROUP ON DISARMAMENT

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

MOVEMENT OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES:

WORKING GROUP ON PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS

4.15 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room B

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Informal meeting

There will be an informal meeting, organized by the delegation of Canada, on Monday, 19 October 1998, at 5 p.m. in *Conference Room 8*, to welcome the offer of the Government of Mozambique to host the first meeting of the States parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on Their Destruction in Maputo (May 1999) and to open the co-sponsorship of the First Committee draft resolution on the Convention (agenda item 71 (d)). All representatives of States that have ratified the Convention, States signatories and other interested delegations are invited to attend.

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Announcement

As from Friday, 2 October 1998, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place at 1.15 p.m., or shortly after the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday, 20 October 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	10th meeting	Conference Room 4

Continuation of general debate:

Chile
Democratic Republic of the Congo
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
Oman
Ethiopia
Israel
Armenia
Pakistan
Kenya
Senegal

3 p.m.	11th meeting	Conference Room 4

Continuation of general debate:

Malta
Saudi Arabia
Bahrain
Jamaica (on behalf of the Caribbean Community)
Lao People's Democratic Republic
Philippines
Iraq
Jordan
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya

[Documents of the First Committee (A/C.1/53/INF.1)]

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	17th meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	18th meeting	Conference Room 2

THIRD COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	18th meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	7th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p .m.	8th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

SIXTH COMMITTEE:

WORKING GROUP ON THE UNITED NATIONS DECADE OF INTERNATIONAL LAW

Morning*	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
Afternoon**	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

* Following the adjournment of the 7th meeting of the Sixth Committee.

** Following the adjournment of the 8th meeting of the Sixth Committee.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	1st meeting	Conference Room 8

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Ahmad Kamal (Pakistan), on Tuesday, 20 October 1998, at 10 a.m. sharp in Conference Room 9.

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The Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women invites delegations to propose names for panellists to participate in the forty-third session of the Commission (March 1999). The topics of the panels will be: (1) women and health; and (2) institutional mechanisms for the advancement of women. Delegations are kindly requested to submit names and curricula vitae, indicating the specific panel for which they are being proposed, to the Division for the Advancement of Women (room DC2-1216), *no later than* Tuesday, 20 October 1998.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 of the Third Committee *(on the World Summit for Social Development)* on Tuesday, 20 October 1998, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in Conference Room 7.

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 of the Third Committee *(on item 108 (Elimination of racism and racial discrimination))* on Tuesday, 20 October 1998, at 1.30 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(on Fifth Committee matters)* on Tuesday, 20 October 1998, at 1.45 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 of the Fourth Committee *(on information)* on Tuesday, 20 October 1998, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

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There will be a meeting of the Arab Group *(at the ambassadorial level)* on Tuesday, 20 October 1998, at 3.30 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

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Informal meetings

There will be an informal meeting, organized by the delegation of Brazil, for an exchange of views regarding the First Committee draft resolution on the nuclear-weapon-free southern hemisphere and adjacent areas (agenda item 71 (o)) on Tuesday, 20 October 1998, at 5 p.m. in Conference Room B. All interested delegations and co-sponsors are invited to attend.

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There will be an informal meeting, organized by the International NGO Committee on Human Rights, on the theme "The United Nations Human Rights Mechanisms: An Update" on Wednesday, 21 October 1998, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room C. Mr. Ross Hynes, Minister Counselor, Permanent Mission of Canada to the United Nations, and Mr. Bacre Waly Ndiaye, Director, New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, will be among the panellists. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, the representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Informal briefings

An informal briefing by the Office of the Special Coordinator for Africa and the Least Developed Countries of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (OSCAL/DESA) on the Secretary-General's progress report on the implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s (UN-NADAF) (A/53/390 and Add.1) will be held on Tuesday, 20 October 1998, from 11.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. in Conference Room A. Members of permanent missions and representatives of interested organizations are invited to attend.

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At the request of interested delegations, H.E. Mr. Hama Arba Diallo, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa, will hold an informal briefing on the latest developments in the framework of the Convention and give an update on the preparation to the Second Conference of the Parties (Senegal, 30 November-11 December 1998). The briefing will take place next Wednesday, 21 October 1998, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 5. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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There will be an informal meeting and exchange of views, organized by the International Monetary Fund (IMF), on the theme "The New Architecture for an International Monetary System - the IMF Perspective", on Thusday, 22 October 1998, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7. Mr. J. B. Zulu, IMF Special Representative to the United Nations and Director of the New York IMF Office, will make a presentation. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, the representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Informal presentation

There will be an informal presentation, organized by the World Bank, on "Memory and Vision: Cultural Identity in a Changing World" on Wednesday, 21 October 1998, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7. Mr. Ismail Serageldin, Vice-President for Special Programs of the World Bank, will make the presentation. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Panel discussion

There will be a panel discussion on the "Administration and Cost of Elections", sponsored by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (Sweden) and the International Foundation for Election Systems (United States), on Thursday, 22 October 1998, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 8. The panellists will be Mr. Jean-Pierre Kingsley, Chief Electoral Officer of Elections (Canada), Mr. José Woldenberg Karakowsky, President of the Federal Electoral Institute (Mexico), and a representative of USAID. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Friday, 16 October 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

39th plenary meeting

World Solar Programme 1996-2005: draft resolution (A/53/L.8) [158]

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/53/L.8 (resolution 53/7).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 158.

Election of judges of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 [166]:

(a) *Letter from the President of the Security Council (A/52/1023);*

(b) *Memorandum by the Secretary-General, including the list of candidates (A/53/351);*

(c) *Curricula Vitae (A/53/352)*

The Acting President recalled that by its resolution 1166 (1998) of 13 May 1998 the Security Council decided to establish a third Trial Chamber of the International Tribunal and that three additional judges should be elected to serve in the additional Trial Chamber until the date of expiry of the terms of office of the judges currently serving on the Tribunal (16 November 2001).

In accordance with article 13, subparagraph 2 (d), of the Statute of the International Tribunal, the Holy See and Switzerland were invited to participate in the election of the judges.

The representative of Mexico made a statement.

The observer for the Holy See made a statement.

The General Assembly proceeded to the election of the three judges.

The result of the first ballot was inconclusive.

The representative of Ecuador announced that Mr. Luis Valencia Rodríguez (Ecuador) had decided to withdraw his name from the list of candidates.

The representative of Poland announced that Mr. Jan Skupinski (Poland) had decided to withdraw his name from the list of candidates.

Since three vacancies remained to be filled, the Assembly proceeded to a second round of balloting.

In the second ballot, having obtained the required majority, Mr. David Anthony Hunt (Australia) and Mr Patrick Lipton Robinson (Jamaica) were elected to serve in the third Trial Chamber of the International Tribunal.

The representative of Finland announced that Mr. Per-Johan Viktor Lindholm (Finland) had decided to withdraw his name from the list of candidates.

The representative of Sri Lanka announced that Mr. Waldo Bandara Srinihal Wadugodapitiya (Sri Lanka) had decided to withdraw his name from the list of candidates.

Since one vacancy remained to be filled, the Assembly proceeded to a third round of balloting.

The result of the third ballot was inconclusive.

The representative of Chile announced that Mr. Hugo Aníbal Llanos Mansilla (Chile) had decided to withdraw his name from the list of candidates.

With one vacancy remaining to be filled, the meeting was suspended until the afternoon of the same day.

39th (resumed) plenary meeting

Election of judges of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 [166]:

(a) *Letter from the President of the Security Council (A/52/1023);*

(b) *Memorandum by the Secretary-General, including the list of candidates (A/53/351);*

(c) *Curricula Vitae (A/53/352)*

The General Assembly proceeded to a fourth round of balloting to fill the remaining vacancy.

In the fourth ballot, having obtained the required majority, Mr. Mohamed Bennouna (Morocco) was elected to serve in the third Trial Chamber of the International Tribunal.

The three judges elected to serve in the third Trial Chamber of the International Tribunal until the date of expiry of the terms of office of the judges currently serving on the Tribunal (16 November 2001) were the following: Mr. Mohamed Bennouna

(Morocco), Mr. David Anthony Hunt (Australia) and Mr Patrick Lipton Robinson (Jamaica).

The General Assembly was informed that the terms of office of the three judges would commence on a date to be determined by the President of the International Tribunal.

The third Trial Chamber of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 had thus been fully established.

The General Assembly concluded its consideration of agenda item 166.

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE — 7th meeting

General debate

The Committee continued its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of Viet Nam, the United Kingdom (President of the Conference on Disarmament), Cuba, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Venezuela, Croatia, Burkina Faso, Mauritius and Benin.

8th meeting

The Committee continued its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of the Niger, Ecuador, Belarus, Myanmar (on behalf of Association of Southeast Asian Nations), Uganda, Kuwait, Botswana, Ghana and Nigeria.

In the exercise of the right of reply, a statement was made by the representative of Iraq.

The representative of Ukraine announced his country's ratification of the Chemical Weapons Convention.

SECOND COMMITTEE — 15th meeting

Operational activities for development [95]

The Committee continued consideration of the item and heard statements by the representatives of Romania, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Angola, Belarus, Morocco, Yemen, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Benin, Tunisia, Venezuela, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Czech Republic and Cuba.

The representatives of the World Health Organization and the International Labour Organization also made statements.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion on agenda item 95.

Macroeconomic policy questions [91]

(b) *Financing of development, including net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries*

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.4

The Committee resumed consideration of agenda item 91 (b).

The representative of Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) introduced and corrected the draft resolution.

(c) *Commodities*

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.5

The Committee resumed consideration of agenda item 91 (c).

The representative of Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) introduced and corrected the draft resolution.

(d) *External debt crisis and development*

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.2

The Committee resumed consideration of agenda item 91 (d).

The representative of Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) introduced and corrected the draft resolution.

Organization of work

It was agreed to hold informal consultations in the afternoon of Monday 19 October and to cancel the Committee's formal meeting.

The Chairman requested delegations that were inscribed on the speakers' list to make statements on agenda items 91 (a) and 93 (e), to contact the secretariat to confirm or reschedule the times of their statements.

THIRD COMMITTEE — 15th meeting

Advancement of women [103]

Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women [104]

The Committee continued its consideration of the items and heard statements by the representatives of Benin, Malawi (on behalf of the Southern African Development Community), Colombia, Kazakhstan, Egypt, the Philippines, the Dominican Republic, Romania, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Iraq, Viet Nam, Guinea, Croatia and Ghana.

The observer for Palestine made a statement.

The representative of the United Nations Population Fund also made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of the World Bank and the International Labour Organization.

Social development [100]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.6

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

Cameroon, the Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Guinea, India, Israel, Malta, Micronesia (Federated States of), Nepal, New Zealand, the Russian Federation, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, Singapore, the Sudan, Thailand, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and the United States joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of item 100.

Crime prevention and criminal justice [101]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.8

The representative of Nigeria, on behalf of the African Group, introduced the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.9

The representative of Italy, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Australia, Cameroon, Croatia, France, Georgia, Greece, Guatemala, Israel, Kyrgyzstan, Lesotho, Malta and Sweden, introduced and orally revised the draft resolution.

Subsequently, Côte d'Ivoire joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.2

It was indicated that, by its resolution 1998/13, the Economic and Social Council had recommended to the General Assembly the adoption of draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.2.

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.3

It was indicated that, by its resolution 1998/14, the Economic and Social Council had recommended to the General Assembly the adoption of draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.3.

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.4

It was indicated that, by its resolution 1998/15, the Economic and Social Council had recommended to the General Assembly the adoption of draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.4.

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution.

International drug control [102]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.7

The representative of Mexico, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Bangladesh, Bulgaria, Cameroon, the Dominican Republic, Kyrgyzstan, Namibia and Zambia, introduced the draft resolution.

Subsequently, Côte d'Ivoire joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

FIFTH COMMITTEE — 9th meeting

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations [118]

The Chairman made a statement and drew the attention of the Committee to two letters dated 9 and 15 October 1998 addressed to him from the President of the General Assembly (A/C.5/53/23 and A/C.5/53/24) transmitting letters from the Permanent Representatives of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Republic of the Congo, respectively.

Statements were made by the representatives of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Austria (on behalf of the European Union), the Congo, Japan, New Zealand, China, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Mexico, Morocco, Cuba, Bangladesh, Egypt, Pakistan, Zambia, Australia, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, the Russian Federation, the United States, Singapore, India, Poland (who aligned its position with the statement made by the representatives of Austria, on behalf of the European Union), the United Arab Emirates and Bahrain.

Following proposals by the representatives of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Congo, the Committee agreed to hold informal consultations, as soon as possible, with a view to reaching a decision on this matter.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this question would begin on Tuesday, 20 October at 3 p.m., under the chairmanship of Mr. Frank Smyth (Ireland).

SIXTH COMMITTEE 5th meeting

Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization [154]

The Committee began its consideration of the agenda item.

The Chairman of the Special Committee introduced the report of the Secretary-General on the Charter of the United Nations and on the strengthening of the role of the Organization (A/53/33).

Statements were made by the representatives of Austria (on behalf of the European Union and associated States), India, China, Malaysia and Cuba.

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United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD
Forty-fifth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

FRIDAY, 16 OCTOBER 1998

899th plenary meeting

Technical cooperation activities [7]

(a) *Review of technical cooperation activities of UNCTAD*

The Board continued its consideration item 7 (a) with statements by the representatives of the United States, Canada, China, Ecuador, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Colombia, Malta and Cuba.

In the light of the report by the Chairman of the Working Party on the Medium-Term Plan and Programme Budget on its thiry-first session and the statements that had been made, the Board took note of the agreed conclusions of the Working Party and adopted the draft decision contained in document TD/B/WP/L.84.

(b) *Progress Report on UNCTAD's assistance to the Palestinian people*

An introductory statement was made by the Chief of Inter-Organizational Affairs and Technical Cooperation Coordination. Statements were made by the representatives of Palestine, Morocco (on behalf of the Arab Group), Tunisia (on behalf of the African Group), Indonesia (on behalf of the Asian Group and China), Pakistan, Egypt, Cuba, Italy and Israel.

The Board thus concluded its consideration of item 7.

Progressive development of the law of international trade: thirty-first annual report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law [8]

The Board continued its consideration of item 8 with statements by the representatives of Chile and Japan.

The Board took note of the annual report of UNCITRAL (A/53/17) under cover of a note by the secretariat (TD/B/45/7) and recommended that the representative of UNCITRAL present his annual report of the Commission to the Board at its regular session in 1999.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on their Destruction. Paris, 13 January 1993

Ratification: Ukraine (16 October 1998)*

Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations. 13 February 1946

Accession: Portugal (14 October 1998)*

International Natural Rubber Agreement, 1995. Geneva, 17 February 1995

Withdrawal: Malaysia (15 October 1998)*

Convention on the Safety of United Nations and Associated Personnel. New York, 9 December 1994

Ratification: Portugal (14 October 1998)*

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* Date of receipt of the relevant documents

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of October has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Nigeria
H.E. Mr. Ibrahim A. Gambari

Asian States:
Nepal
H.E. Mr. Narendra Bikram Shah

Eastern European States:
Poland
H.E. Mr. Eugeniusz Wyzner

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Dominican Republic
H.E. Mrs. Cristina Aguiar

Western European and Other States:
Andorra
H.E. Mr. Juli Minoves-Triquell

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Tuesday, 20 October 1998

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Croatia (S/1998/939)

Other matters

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	10th meeting	Conference Room 4

Continuation of general debate:

Chile
Democratic Republic of the Congo
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
Oman
Ethiopia
Israel
Armenia
Pakistan
Kenya
Senegal

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	11th meeting	Conference Room 4

Continuation of general debate:

Malta
Saudi Arabia
Bahrain
Jamaica (on behalf of the Caribbean Community)
Lao People's Democratic Republic
Philippines
Iraq
Jordan
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya

[Documents of the First Committee (A/C.1/53/INF.1)]

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-12 noon	17th meeting	Conference Room 2

1. Sectoral policy questions [92]

   (a) Business and development

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.7

   (b) Industrial development cooperation

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.6

2. Operational activities for development of the United Nations system [95]

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.8

3. Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [93] (A/53/296, A/53/374, A/53/60, A/53/62, A/53/63-S/1998/100, A/53/69, A/53/72-S/1998/156, A/53/95-S/1998/311, A/53/96, A/53/124, A/53/155, A/53/168, A/53/204, A/53/371-S/1998/848, A/53/396, A/53/411, A/53/412, A/53/414, A/53/416, A/53/453)

   (b) Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy (A/53/336, A/53/174)

   Introductory statements and general discussion

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	18th meeting	Conference Room 2

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [93] (A/53/296, A/53/374, A/53/60, A/53/62, A/53/63-S/1998/100, A/53/69, A/53/72-S/1998/156, A/53/95-S/1998/311, A/53/96, A/53/124, A/53/155, A/53/168, A/53/204, A/53/371-S/1998/848, A/53/396, A/53/411, A/53/412, A/53/414, A/53/416, A/53/453)

(d) Renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership (A/53/85)

(g) Cultural development (A/53/321)

Introductory statements and general discussion

THIRD COMMITTEE

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	18th meeting	Conference Room 1

Promotion and protection of the rights of children [106] (A/53/41, A/53/57, A/53/72-S/1998/156, A/53/95-S/1998/311, A/53/281, A/53/311, A/53/482*)

Introduction and general discussion

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* To be issued.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 114 (Programme planning (A/53/6 (Prog.1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 13/Rev.1, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 23 and Corr.1 and Corr.2 (French only), 24 and Corr.1, 26, 27 and 28), A/53/16, A/53/90, A/53/122 and Add.1, A/53/133 and Corr.1 (Spanish only) and A/53/134))

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 118 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (A/C.5/53/23 and A/C.5/53/24))

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	7th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p.m.	8th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization [154] (A/53/33, A/53/312, A/53/326 and A/53/386)

SIXTH COMMITTEE:

WORKING GROUP ON THE UNITED NATIONS DECADE OF INTERNATIONAL LAW

Morning*- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
Afternoon**- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

* Following the adjournment of the 7th meeting of the Sixth Committee.

** Following the adjournment of the 8th meeting of the Sixth Committee.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	1st meeting	Conference Room 8

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994

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Committees

THIRD COMMITTEE

Informal consultations

The Vice-Chairperson of the Committee, Ms. Sandru (Romania), will hold informal consultations on a draft proposal on the implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women, (agenda item 104) *today*, 20 October 1998, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

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United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

Informal consultations on agenda item 38 (Oceans and the Law of the Sea) will be held *today*, 20 October 1998, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room C.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Ahmad Kamal (Pakistan), *today*, 20 October 1998, at 10 a.m. sharp in Conference Room 9.

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The Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women invites delegations to propose names for panellists to participate in the forty-third session of the Commission (March 1999). The topics of the panels will be: (1) women and health; and (2) institutional mechanisms for the advancement of women. Delegations are kindly requested to submit names and curricula vitae, indicating the specific panel for which they are being proposed, to the Division for the Advancement of Women (room DC2-1216), no later than *today*, 20 October 1998.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Tuesday, 20 October 1998

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE
(on the World Summit for Social Development)

9 a.m.-10 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on the Development Account)

10 a.m.-12 noon	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

AFRICAN GROUP:

GROUP OF EXPERTS ON ECONOMIC MATTERS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

ALLIANCE OF SMALL ISLAND STATES

1.15 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on item 94 (b): draft resolutions on El Niño and on the implementation of Conventions)

1.30 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room A

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

1.45 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

CENTRAL AMERICAN GROUP

2 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)
(on information)

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

MOVEMENT OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES:

COORDINATING BUREAU

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on item 93 (c): special session on Habitat; item 93 (a): International Development Strategy; and item 92 (a): Business and development)

3 p.m.-4 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on item 30: United Nations Task Force on Environment and Habitat)

4 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

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Meeting of co-sponsors

A meeting of possible co-sponsors of the draft resolution entitled "Small Arms", organized by the delegation of Japan, will be held *today*, 20 October 1998, from 3.30 p.m. to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

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Informal meetings

There will be an informal meeting, organized by the delegation of Brazil, for an exchange of views regarding the First Committee draft resolution on the nuclear-weapon-free southern hemisphere and adjacent areas (agenda item 71 (o)) *today*, 20 October 1998, at 5 p.m. in Conference Room B. All interested delegations and co-sponsors are invited to attend.

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Informal briefing

An informal briefing by the Office of the Special Coordinator for Africa and the Least Developed Countries of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (OSCAL/DESA) on the Secretary-General's progress report on the implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s (UN-NADAF) (A/53/390 and Add.1) will be held *today*, 20 October 1998, from 11.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. in Conference Room A. Members of permanent missions and representatives of interested organizations are invited to attend.

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Announcement

As from Friday, 2 October 1998, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place at 1.15 p.m., or shortly after the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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World Food Day 1998

A special ceremony to mark World Food Day 1998, under the theme "Women Feed the World", will take place *today*, 20 October 1998, from 12 noon to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2 (immediately following the 17th meeting of the Second Committee). Statements will be made by the President of the General Assembly, H.E. Mr. Didier Opertti Badián, the Deputy Secretary-General, Ms. Louise Fréchette, who will deliver the keynote address, the First Vice-President of the Economic and Social Council, H.E. Mr. Francesco Paolo Fulci, and the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, Mr. Jacques Diouf. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of United Nations funds and programmes, specialized agencies, non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Wednesday, 21 October 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

10 a.m.	40th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall
3 p.m.	41st PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

Report of the Security Council (A/53/2) [11].

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	12th meeting	Conference Room 4

Continuation and conclusion of general debate:

Sudan
Zambia
Nepal
Syrian Arab Republic
Haiti
Georgia
Cyprus
Costa Rica

3 p.m.	13th meeting	Conference Room 4

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	19th meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	20th meeting	Conference Room 2

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	19th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	20th meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	11th meeting	Conference Room 3
Morning*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

* Following the adjournment of the 11th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	9th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p .m.	10th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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The 1998 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities and the 1998 United Nations/Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme will be held in three segments.

The joint opening of both Pledging Conferences will take place on Tuesday, 3 November 1998, at 3 p.m., to be followed by the segment devoted to the 1998 United Nations/Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme.

The second segment devoted to the 1998 Pledging Conference for Development Activities will be held on Wednesday, 4 November, at 10 a.m. and on Thursday, 5 November, at 10 a.m.

It would be appreciated if delegations that have not already submitted the names of their representatives to both Pledging Conferences could do so to the Secretary of the Pledging Conferences, Mr. Alexandre de Barros (room S-2950-G, tel.: 963-2320).

The list of speakers for both pledging conferences will be open beginning Monday, 26 October, until Monday, 2 November.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a meeting of the Arab Group *(at the ambassadorial level)* on Wednesday, 21 October 1998, at 3.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

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There will be a meeting of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee on Friday, 30 October 1998, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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Informal meetings

There will be an informal meeting, organized by the International NGO Committee on Human Rights, on the theme "The United Nations Human Rights Mechanisms: An Update" on Wednesday, 21 October 1998, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room C. Mr. Ross Hynes, Minister Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Canada to the United Nations, and Mr. Bacre Waly Ndiaye, Director, New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, will be among the panellists. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, the representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Informal briefings

At the request of interested delegations, H.E. Mr. Hama Arba Diallo, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa, will hold an informal briefing on the latest developments in the framework of the Convention and give an update on the preparation to the Second Conference of the Parties (Senegal, 30 November-11 December 1998). The briefing will take place next Wednesday, 21 October 1998, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 5. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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There will be an informal meeting and exchange of views, organized by the International Monetary Fund (IMF), on the theme "The New Architecture for an International Monetary System - the IMF Perspective", on Thusday, 22 October 1998, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7. Mr. J. B. Zulu, IMF Special Representative to the United Nations and Director of the New York IMF Office, will make a presentation. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, the representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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There will be a briefing on the Second London Oceans Workshop by Mr. Alan Simcock, Head of the Marine, Land and Liability Division in the British Government's Department for Environment, Transport and Regions, on Monday, 26 October 1998, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. The briefing, sponsored jointly by the delegations of the United Kingdom and Brazil, will be followed by a question-and-answer period. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Informal presentations

There will be an informal presentation, organized by the World Bank, on "Memory and Vision: Cultural Identity in a Changing World" on Wednesday, 21 October 1998, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7. Mr. Ismail Serageldin, Vice-President for Special Programs of the World Bank, will make the presentation. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Panel discussion

There will be a panel discussion on the "Administration and Cost of Elections", sponsored by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (Sweden) and the International Foundation for Election Systems (United States), on Thursday, 22 October 1998, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 8. The panellists will be Mr. Jean-Pierre Kingsley, Chief Electoral Officer of Elections (Canada), Mr. José Woldenberg Karakowsky, President of the Federal Electoral Institute (Mexico), and a representative of USAID. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Seminar

A seminar on the theme "The Impact of Reductions in Working Hours on Employment", sponsored by the Division for Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), will take place on Friday, 30 October 1998, from 1.45 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room A. Professor Dr. Gerhard Bosch of the Institut Arbeit und Technik, Germany, will make a presentation. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a French-language workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions for members of permanent missions in New York. The workshop will be held on the following dates: Wednesday, 4 November 1998, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m; Thursday, 5 November from 3 to 6 p.m.; and Friday, 6 November from 3 to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is Friday, 30 October. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603, tel.: 963-9196).

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There will be a meeting of police contributors to the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina (International Police Task Force) on Thursday, 22 October 1998, at 3.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6. The meeting will be chaired by Mr. Michel Pelletier, Director, Europe and Latin America Division, Department of Peacekeeping Operations. Mr. Mark Kroeker, IPTF Deputy Commissioner, will give a briefing on developments in Bosnia and Herzegovina and on the increasing demand for professional competence when selecting police officers for service with the International Police Task Force.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Monday, 19 October 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE 9th meeting

General debate

The Committee continued its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of Uruguay and Namibia, the observer of the Holy See, the representatives of Sri Lanka, Singapore, Tunisia, the Republic of Moldova, Kyrgyzstan and Peru, as well as by the observer of the International Committee of the Red Cross and the Director-General of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons.

In the exercise of right of reply, a statement was made by the representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) 9th meeting

Election of Rapporteur

Upon nomination by the representative of Finland and in accordance with rule 103 of the rules of procedure, the Committee, by acclamation, elected Mr. Bernard Tanoh-Boutchoue (Côte d'Ivoire) as Rapporteur of the Committee.

Effects of atomic radiation [81]

The general debate on agenda item 84 was concluded with statements by the representatives of Belarus, Kazakhstan, India, Slovakia, Egypt, Pakistan, Brazil (on behalf of Member countries of MERCOSUR (Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay, Uruguay), as well as Bolivia and Chile), Iraq, the Syrian Arab Republic, Papua New Guinea and Ukraine.

The delegations of Armenia, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, the Czech Republic, Egypt, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Lithuania, Paraguay, Singapore, Uruguay and the Solomon Islands became co-sponsors of draft resolution A/C.4/53/L.6.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 81.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

The Chairman announced that on Thursday, 22 October 1998, the Committee would begin its consideration of agenda item 82 (International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space). Delegations were urged to inscribe their names on the list of speakers as soon as possible.

SECOND COMMITTEE 16th meeting

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [93]

(a) Implementation of and follow-up to major consensus agreements on development

(i) Implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of the Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries

(ii) Implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade

The Committee began consideration of the item.

Introductory statements were made by the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs and the Representative to the United Nations and Director of the New York Office of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.

Statements were made by the representatives of Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Austria (on behalf of the European Union, the Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union, Bulgaria, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia, as well as the associated country, Cyprus, which aligned themselves with this statement), China, Ghana, Panama (also on behalf of Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay, Venezuela and Guyana), El Salvador (also on behalf of Costa Rica, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama and the Dominican Republic), the Republic of Korea and Pakistan.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion on agenda item 93 (a) (i) and (ii).

THIRD COMMITTEE 16th meeting

Advancement of women [103]

Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women [104]

The Committee continued its consideration of the items and heard statements by the representatives of Fiji, Venezuela, Liechtenstein, Australia, the Sudan, Nepal, Kyrgyzstan, Israel, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Zimbabwe, St. Lucia (on behalf of CARICOM), Jordan, Belarus, Nigeria, Costa Rica, Lithuania and San Marino.

The representative of the World Health Organization also made a statement.

17th meeting

The Committee continued its consideration of agenda items 103 and 104 and heard statements by Malta, India, Ethiopia, Morocco, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Maldives, Tunisia, the Cameroon, Israel, Cyprus, the Russian Federation, Azerbaijan, Eritrea, Bahrain, Madagascar, Sri Lanka, the United Arab Emirates, Rwanda, Armenia and Iceland.

The observer of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies also made a statement.

The Assistant Secretary-General and Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Gender Issues and the Advancement of Women made concluding remarks.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of the item.

Right of reply

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of Israel, Uganda, Armenia, Lebanon and Azerbaijan.

FIFTH COMMITTEE 10th meeting

Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations [143]

(a) Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Support account for peacekeeping operations

The representative of Australia, Vice-Chairman of the Committee, and Coordinator of informal consultations, introduced and orally revised draft resolution A/C.5/53/L.9.

The representative of Cuba made a statement.

The representative of Australia further revised the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution as orally revised.

Statements in explanation of position were made by the representatives of Austria (on behalf of the European Union), Japan, Canada, the Russian Federation, the United States, New Zealand, India and Cuba.

The Committee thus concluded this stage of its consideration of the question under this agenda item.

Pattern of conferences [117]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

The Chairman of the Committee on Conferences, Mr. Koji F. X. Yamagiwa (Japan), introduced the report of that Committee (A/53/32).

The Under-Secretary-General for General Assembly Affairs and Conference Services made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Austria (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus, Iceland and Norway) and Cyprus.

Right of reply

The representatives of Turkey and Cyprus made statements in the exercise of the right of reply.

Other matters

The Chairman reminded the Committee that the deadline for the submission of candidatures for the vacant posts under agenda sub-items 17 (a) to (f) was at 6 p.m. the same day.

The representative of Chile made a statement.

Right of reply

The representatives of Turkey and Cyprus exercised their right of reply.

SIXTH COMMITTEE 6th meeting

Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization [154]

The Committee continued its consideration of the item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Ukraine, Brazil, Cameroon, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Pakistan, the Czech Republic and Indonesia.

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Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE
United Nations Office at Geneva
Sixty-fourth session

MONDAY, 19 OCTOBER 1998

1700th meeting

Adoption of the agenda [1]

The Committee adopted its provisional agenda as contained in document CCPR/C/135 and the programme of work.

Organizational and other matters [2]

The Committee adopted the lists of issues in respect of the six reports it would consider during the session (Iceland, Belgium, Armenia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Japan and Austria).

1701st meeting

The Committee considered the report of the Tenth Meeting of Chairpersons and the report of the Secretary-General on mainstreaming gender issues.

Consideration of communications under the Optional Protocol to the Covenant [6]

The Committee considered the item in closed session.

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Wednesday, 21 October 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

10 a.m.	40th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall
3 p.m.	41st PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

Report of the Security Council (A/53/2) [11].

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m	12th meeting	Conference Room 4

Continuation and conclusion of general debate:

Sudan
Zambia
Nepal
Syrian Arab Republic
Haiti
Georgia
Cyprus

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	13th meeting	Conference Room 4

Rationalization of the work and reform of the agenda of the First Committee [80]

[Documents of the First Committee (A/C.1/53/INF.1)]

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	19th meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	20th meeting	Conference Room 2

1. Operational activities for development [95]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.9

2. Environment and sustainable development [94] (A/53/487, A/53/156-S/1998/78, A/53/25, A/53/72-S/1998/156, A/53/95-S/1998/311, A/53/96, A/53/165-S/1998/601, A/53/371-S/1998/848, A/53/416, A/53/425)

(a) Implementation of and follow-up to the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, including the outcome of the nineteenth special session of the General Assembly for the purpose of an implementation of Agenda 21 (A/53/477)

Introductory statements and general discussion

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	19th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	20th meeting	Conference Room 1

Promotion and protection of the rights of children [106] (A/53/41, A/53/57, A/53/72-S/1998/156, A/53/95-S/1998/311, A/53/281, A/53/311, A/53/482*)

Continuation of general discussion

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* To be issued.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	11th meeting	Conference Room 3

Pattern of conferences [117] (A/51/946, A/52/7 (paras. 113 and 114), A/52/685, A/52/803, A/52/1000, A/53/16 (paras. 334-352), A/53/21, A/53/32, A/53/221, A/53/257 and A/53/507))

Continuation of general discussion

Morning*- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 113 (Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999: Development account (A/52/1009 and A/53/7/Add.1))

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* Following the adjournment of the 11th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 114 (Programme planning (A/53/6 (Prog.1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 13/Rev.1, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 23 and Corr.1 and Corr.2 (French only), 24 and Corr.1, 26, 27 and 28), A/53/16, A/53/90, A/53/122 and Add.1, A/53/133 and Corr.1 (Spanish only) and A/53/134))

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	9th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	10th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Establishment of an international criminal court [153] (A/53/387, A/53/189)

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Wednesday, 21 October 1998

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE
(item 37: World Summit for Social Development)

9.30 a.m.-10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(item 93 (c) : special session on Habitat; item 93 (a) : International Development Strategies)

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE
(item 104: Implementation of the Outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women)

1.45 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN GROUP OF THE WHOLE

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

MOVEMENT OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES:

WORKING GROUP ON HUMAN RIGHTS

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

ARAB GROUP OF THE WHOLE
(at the ambassadorial level)

3.30 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

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Meeting of co-sponsors

A meeting of co-sponsors of the draft resolution entitle "Reducing Nuclear Dangers", organized by the delegation o India, will be held *today*, 21 October 1998, from 10 a.m. to 1 a.m. in Conference Room B.

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A meeting of possible co-sponsors of the draft resolutio entitled entitled "Developments in the Field of Information an Telecommunications in the Context of International Security" organized by the delegation of the Russian Federation, will b held *today*, 21 October 1998, in the morning, following th adjournment of the 12th meeting of the First Committee, Conference Room 4.

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A meeting of possible co-sponsors of the draft resoluti entitled "Small Arms", organized by the delegation of Jap will be held *today*, 21 October 1998, from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Conference Room 6.

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Informal meetings

There will be an informal meeting, organized by the International NGO Committee on Human Rights, on the theme "The United Nations Human Rights Mechanisms: An Update" *today*, 21 October 1998, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room C. Mr. Ross Hynes, Minister Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Canada to the United Nations, and Mr. Bacre Waly Ndiaye, Director, New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, will be among the panellists. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, the representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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There will be an informal meeting, organized by the delegation of Malaysia, for an exchange of views regarding the First Committee draft resolution entitled "Advisory Opinion of the International Court of Justice on the *Legality of the Threat or Use of Nuclear Weapons*" *today*, 21 October 1998, at 3.30 p.m. in Conference Room C. All interested delegations and co-sponsors are invited to attend.

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Informal consultations

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Regional Disarmament", organized by the delegation of Belarus, will be held *today*, 21 October 1998, from 3.30 p.m. to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

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Informal briefing

At the request of interested delegations, H.E. Mr. Hama Arba Diallo, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa, will hold an informal briefing on the latest developments in the framework of the Convention and give an update on the preparation to the Second Conference of the Parties (Senegal, 30 November-11 December 1998). The briefing will take place *today*, 21 October 1998, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 5. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Informal presentation

There will be an informal presentation, organized by the World Bank, on "Memory and Vision: Cultural Identity in a Changing World" *today*, 21 October 1998, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7. Mr. Ismail Serageldin, Vice-President for Special Programs of the World Bank, will make the presentation. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Announcement

As from Friday, 2 October 1998, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place at 1.15 p.m., or shortly after the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Thursday, 22 October 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

10 a.m. 42nd PLENARY MEETING *Conference Room 3*

1. Notification by the Secretary-General under Article 12, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations: note by the Secretary-General (A/53/357) [7].
2. Cooperation between the United Nations and the League of Arab States [27]:
   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/53/434);
   (b) Draft resolution (A/53/L.11).
3. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of American States [21]:
   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/53/272 and Add.1);
   (b) Draft resolution (A/53/L.10).
4. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Latin American Economic System: report of the Secretary-General (A/53/420) [25].
5. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/521) [112].
6. Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/522) [143 (a)].

Committees

	FIRST COMMITTEE			SECOND COMMITTEE	
3 p.m.	14th meeting	Conference Room 4	9.30 a.m.-12.30 p.m.	21st meeting	Conference Room 2
			3 p.m.	22nd meeting	Conference Room 2

	SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)			THIRD COMMITTEE	
			10 a.m.	21st meeting	Conference Room 1
10 a.m.	10th meeting	Conference Room 4	3 p.m.	22nd meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	11th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p .m.	12th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SECOND COMMITTEE

Panel discussions

A joint session of the Second Committee and the High-level segment of the Trade and Development Board of UNCTAD via video link will take place on Thursday, 22 October 1998, from 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. in Conference Room 2. The topic of the session will be "The Impact of Financial Crisis on Trade, Investment and Development: Regional Perspectives." The joint session will be co-chaired by H.E. Dr. Supachai Panitchpakdi, Deputy Prime Minister of Thailand and Chairman of the high-level segment of the Trade and Development Board, and H.E. Mr. Bagher Asadi, Ambassador (Islamic Republic of Iran) and Chairman of the Second Committee.

The panellists participating at this event are (on Geneva side) the Executive Secretaries of the United Nations Regional Commissions for Europe (ECE), Mr. Yves Berthelot, for Western Asia (ESCWA), Mr. Hazem El-Beblawi, for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), Mr. José Antonio Ocampo, and Mr. Ali Gader Ali, Director, Economic and Social Policy Division (ECA), Mr. André van Heemstra, Vice-President, Asia and the Pacific, Unilever; (on New York side) Ms. Joyce Cornell, Managing Director, Scudder Kemper Investments, Inc., and Mr. Robert D. Hormats, Vice-Chairman, Goldman Sachs International.

A panel discussion on "How to Achieve a Better Coherence and Improved Coordination among Environmental and Environment Related Conventions" will be held on Friday, 23 October 1998, from 3 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 2. The panellists will be Mr. Hama Arba Diallo, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa, Mr. Michael Zammit-Cutajar, Executive Secretary, Secretariat of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, Mr. Sam Johnston, Legal Affairs Officer (Secretariat of the Convention on Bio-Diversity), and Mr. Jorge Illucca, Director of the Division of Coordination on Environmental Convention (United Nations Environment Programme). All interested delegations are invited to attend.

Briefing

There will be an informal presentation by Professor J. A. van Ginkel, Rector of the United Nations University, on Monday, 26 October 1998, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 5. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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The Committee on Information will resume its twentieth session on Tuesday, 27 October 1998, at 3 p.m. in Trusteeship Council Chamber. Following the formal opening of the meeting and introduction of the report of the Secretary-General on the development of United Nations international radio broadcasting capacity (A/AC.198/1998/4)*, the Committee will begin informal consultations on this report.

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The 1998 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities and the 1998 United Nations/Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme will be held in two segments.

The joint opening of both Pledging Conferences will take place on Tuesday, 3 November 1998, at 3 p.m., to be followed by the segment devoted to the 1998 United Nations/Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme.

The second segment devoted to the 1998 Pledging Conference for Development Activities will be held on Wednesday, 4 November, at 10 a.m. and on Thursday, 5 November, at 10 a.m.

It would be appreciated if delegations that have not already submitted the names of their representatives to both Pledging Conferences could do so to the Secretary of the Pledging Conferences, Mr. Alexandre de Barros (room S-2950-G, tel.: 963-2320).

The list of speakers for both pledging conferences will be open beginning Monday, 26 October, until Monday, 2 November.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be meetings of the Group of 77 of the Third Committee on Thursday, 22 October 1998, at 9.30 a.m. on item 37 (World Summit for Social Development) in Conference Room 6 and at 1.45 p.m. on item 104: Implementation of the Outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women) in Conference Room 5.

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(on Fifth Committee matters)* on Thursday, 22 October 1998, at 1.45 p.m. The conference room will be announced.

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There will be a meeting of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee on Friday, 30 October 1998, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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Informal meeting

There will be an informal meeting, organized by the delegation of Ireland, on a draft resolution entitled "Towards a Nuclear-Weapon-Free World: The Need for a New Agenda" on Thursday, 22 October 1998, at 11 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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Meetings of co-sponsors

A meeting of potential co-sponsors of the draft resolution entitled "Transparency in Armaments", organized by the delegation of the Netherlands, will be held on Thursday, 22 October 1998, at 12 noon in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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Informal briefings

There will be an informal meeting and exchange of views, organized by the International Monetary Fund (IMF), on the theme "The New Architecture for an International Monetary System - the IMF Perspective", on Thusday, 22 October 1998, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7. Mr. J. B. Zulu, IMF Special Representative to the United Nations and Director of the New York IMF Office, will make a presentation. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, the representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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There will be a briefing by Mr. Alan Simcock of the British Government's Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions, on Monday, 26 October 1998, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6, on the Second London Oceans Workshop, which is being sponsored jointly by the united Kingdom and Brazil in December 1998, to assist the preparations for the 1999 session of the Commission on Sustainable Development. The briefing will be followed by a question-and-answer period. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Panel discussion

There will be a panel discussion on the "Administration and Cost of Elections", sponsored by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (Sweden) and the International Foundation for Election Systems (United States), on Thursday, 22 October 1998, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 8. The panellists will be Mr. Jean-Pierre Kingsley, Chief Electoral Officer of Elections (Canada), Mr. José Woldenberg Karakowsky, President of the Federal Electoral Institute (Mexico), and a representative of USAID. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Seminars

The first seminar of the economic governance seminar series on the theme "Towards a More Differentiated Perspective on Industrial Policy", organized by the Division for Public Economics and Public Administration (DPEPA) of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), will take place on Wednesday, 28 October 1998, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room A. Prof. Richard Nelson, Columbia University, will make a presentation. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, the representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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A seminar on the theme "The Impact of Reductions in Working Hours on Employment", sponsored by the Division for Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), will take place on Friday, 30 October 1998, from 1.45 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room A. Professor Dr. Gerhard Bosch of the Institut Arbeit und Technik, Germany, will make a presentation. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a French-language workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions for members of permanent missions in New York. The workshop will be held on the following dates: Wednesday, 4 November 1998, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m; Thursday, 5 November from 3 to 6 p.m.; and Friday, 6 November from 3 to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is Friday, 30 October. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603, tel.: 963-9196).

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There will be a meeting of police contributors to the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina (International Police Task Force) on Thursday, 22 October 1998, at 3.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6. The meeting will be chaired by Mr. Michel Pelletier, Director, Europe and Latin America Division, Department of Peacekeeping Operations. Mr. Mark Kroeker, IPTF Deputy Commissioner, will give a briefing on developments in Bosnia and Herzegovina and on the increasing demand for professional competence when selecting police officers for service with the International Police Task Force.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Tuesday, 20 October 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE — 10th meeting

General debate

The Committee continued its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of Chile, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Oman, Ethiopia, Israel, Armenia, Pakistan, Kenya and Senegal.

11th meeting

The Committee continued its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of Malta, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Jamaica (on behalf of the Caribbean Community), the Lao People's Democratic Republic, the Philippines, Iraq, Jordan and the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya.

In the exercise of the right of reply, statements were made by the representatives of Egypt, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Eritrea, Israel, the Republic of Korea, Ethiopia and Iraq.

SECOND COMMITTEE — 17th meeting

Sectoral policy questions [92]

(b) *Industrial development cooperation*

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.6

The Committee resumed consideration of agenda item 92 (b).

The representative of Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) introduced the draft resolution.

Operational activities for development of the United Nations system [95]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.8

The Committee resumed consideration of agenda item 95.

The representative of Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) introduced the draft resolution.

Sectoral policy questions [92]

(a) *Business and development*

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.7

The Committee resumed consideration of agenda item 92 (a).

The representative of the United States introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document.

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [93]

(b) *Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy*

The Committee began consideration of the item.

An introductory statement was made by the Director of the Development Policy Analysis Division of DESA.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, the Russian Federation, Norway, Belarus, Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, Armenia, Poland, Azerbaijan, Romania, Ukraine and Croatia.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

18th meeting

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [93]

(b) *Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy*

The Committee resumed consideration of the item.

The representatives of Turkey, Armenia and Azerbaijan made statements in the exercise of the right of reply.

The Committee thus concluded the general discussion on agenda item 93 (b).

(d) *Renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership*

(g) *Cultural development*

The Committee began consideration of these items.

Introductory statements were made by the Officer-in-Charge of the Division for ECOSOC Support and Coordination of DESA and the Representative to the United Nations and the Director of the New York Office of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.

Statements were made by the representatives of Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Austria (on behalf of the European Union, the Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, and Slovenia and the associated country Cyprus, as well as the EFTA country member of the European Economic Area, Norway, which aligned themselves with this statement), China, Kenya, Guyana, the Republic of Korea, Trinidad and Tobago, Canada, Australia, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Oman, Uruguay and the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion on agenda item 93 (d) and (g).

THIRD COMMITTEE 18th meeting

Promotion and protection of the rights of children [106]

The Committee began its consideration of the item and heard introductory statements by the Under-Secretary-General, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for children and armed conflict, the Special Rapporteur on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography and the Director, New York Office, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights.

Questions were raised by the representatives of Austria (on behalf of the European Union), Italy, Guinea, Japan, Portugal, Côte d'Ivoire and the United States, which were responded to by the three introductory speakers.

Statements were made by the representatives of Austria (on behalf of the European Union), Panama (on behalf of the Rio Group), Namibia (on behalf of the Southern African Development Community), Bangladesh, Rwanda, Japan and the Republic of Korea.

The observer for the Holy See made a statement.

The Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund made a statement.

SIXTH COMMITTEE 7th and 8th meetings

Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization [154]

Statements were made by the representatives of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Turkey, Japan, Algeria, Yemen, Namibia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Russian Federation, Hungary, Bulgaria, Venezuela, the United States, Poland, the United Republic of Tanzania, Viet Nam, the Sudan, Georgia, Tunisia, Guatemala, Mexico, Malta, Uruguay, Romania, Ghana, the Syrian Arab Republic, Trinidad and Tobago and Belarus.

Right of reply

The representatives of the United States and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea made statements in the exercise of the right of reply.

The Committee concluded its consideration of the item.

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Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE
United Nations Office at Geneva
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TUESDAY, 20 OCTOBER 1998

1702nd and 1703rd (closed) meetings

Consideration of communications under the Optional Protocol to the Covenant [6]

The Committee continued its consideration of the item in closed session.

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United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD
Forty-fifth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

MONDAY, 19 OCTOBER 1998

SESSIONAL COMMITTEE II 1st meeting

UNCTAD's contribution to the implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s: Prospects for agriculture, trade and industrialization [6]

The Committee elected Mr. Petr Havlík (Czech Republic) as its Vice-Chairman-cum-Rapporteur.

Mr. Rubens Ricupero, Secretary-General of UNCTAD, addressed the Committee.

The Chairman, H.E. Mr. Mohamed-Salah Dembri (Algeria), made an opening statement.

H.E. Mr. Harry Ganoo, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Trade of Mauritius, and H.E. Mr. Vijay S. Makhan, Assistant Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity/African Economic Community, made statements.

Statements were also made by the representatives of the following countries: Costa Rica (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Brazil (on behalf of the Latin American and the Caribbean Group), Morocco (on behalf of the African Group), Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Asian Group and China), Madagascar, Egypt, South Africa and Mauritius.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer. London, 29 June 1990

Ratification: Cuba (19 October 1998)*

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special event

A United Nations Day concert of classical music will be held on Friday, 23 October 1998, at 4 p.m. in the General Assembly Hall. Philharmonie der Nationen, with Justus Frantz conducting, will perform works by Beethoven and Rimsky-Korsakov. H.E. Dr. Didier Opertti Badán, President of the fifty-third session of the General Assembly, Ms. Louise Frechette, Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations, and H.E. Dr. Dieter Kastrup, Permanent Representative of Germany to the United Nations, will make statements. The concert is co-sponsored by the Government of Germany and the Department of Public Information (DPI). Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, the representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media will be admitted on presentation of a valid grounds pass.

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Information Fair

The Annual Inter-Agency Information Fair, organized by the Department of Public Information, is being held in the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building until Friday, 23 October 1998. The event brings together nearly 30 specialized agencies, programmes and departments of the United Nations system, each with representatives on hand to answer questions and distribute brochures, posters and other information materials.

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New United Nations stamps and souvenir card

On Tuesday, 27 October 1998, the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) will issue a set of six commemorative stamps on the theme "Fiftieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights". The denominations of the new stamps will be 32 cents, 55 cents, F.s. 0,90, F.s. 1,80, S 4.50 and S 7. A souvenir card will also be issued on the same theme. The new stamps, souvenir card, first day covers and hand cancellations can be obtained by members of delegations and staff at the north end of the Secretariat Lobby on 27 October from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and at the UNPA sales counter in the concourse of the General Assembly Building from 9 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. Details about the new stamps and souvenir card are available in Information Circular ST/IC/1998/63.

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Thursday, 22 October 1998

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Security Council resolutions 1160 (1998) and 1199 (1998)

Democratic Republic of the Congo

Briefing by the Secretariat

The situation between Eritrea and Ethiopia

Briefing by the Secretariat

Other matters

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

10 a.m.	42nd PLENARY MEETING	*Conference Room 3*

1. Notification by the Secretary-General under Article 12, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations: note by the Secretary-General (A/53/357) [7].
2. Cooperation between the United Nations and the League of Arab States [27]:
   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/53/434);
   (b) Draft resolution (A/53/L.11).
3. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of American States [21]:
   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/53/272 and Add.1);
   (b) Draft resolution (A/53/L.10/Rev.1).

4. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Latin American Economic System: report of the Secretary-General (A/53/420) [25].

5. Report of the Security Council (A/53/2) [11].

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	13th meeting	Conference Room 4

Rationalization of the work and reform of the agenda of the First Committee [80]

[Documents of the First Committee (A/C.1/53/INF.1)]

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m.	10th meeting	Conference Room 4

International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space [82] (A/53/20, A/53/265)

WORKING GROUP OF THE WHOLE ON INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN THE PEACEFUL USES OF OUTER SPACE

Morning*-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 4

* Following the adjournment of the 10th meeting of the Fourth Committee.

SECOND COMMITTEE

9.30 a.m.-12.30 p.m.	21st meeting	Conference Room 2

Video-conference Geneva-New York

[Joint session of the Second Committee and the high-level segment of the Trade and Development Board of UNCTAD on the topic "The Impact of Financial Crisis on Trade, Investment and Development: Regional Perspectives." The joint session will be co-chaired by H.E. Dr. Supachai Panitchpakdi, Deputy Prime Minister of Thailand and Chairman of the high-level segment of the Trade and Development Board, and H.E. Mr. Bagher Asadi, Ambassador (Islamic Republic of Iran) and Chairman of the Second Committee.

The panellists (on the Geneva side) are the Executive Secretaries of the United Nations Regional Commissions for Europe (ECE), Mr. Yves Berthelot, for Western Asia (ESCWA), Mr. Hazem El-Beblawi, for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), Mr. José Antonio Ocampo, and Mr. Ali Gader Ali, Director, Economic and Social Policy Division (ECA), Mr. André van Heemstra, Vice-President, Asia and the Pacific, Unilever; (on the New York side) Ms. Joyce Cornell, Managing Director, Scudder Kemper Investments, Inc., and Mr. Robert D. Hormats, Vice-Chairman, Goldman Sachs International.]

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	22nd meeting	Conference Room 2

Environment and sustainable development [94] (A/53/487, A/53/156-S/1998/78, A/53/25, A/53/72-S/1998/156, A/53/95-S/1998/311, A/53/96, A/53/165-S/1998/601, A/53/371-S/1998/848, A/53/416, A/53/425)

(b) Protection of the global climate for present and future generations of mankind (A/53/449)

(c) Implementation of the outcome of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (A/53/65-E/1998/5, A/53/358)

(d) Convention on Biological Diversity (A/53/451)

(e) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa (A/53/516)

Introductory statements and general discussion

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	21st meeting	Conference Room 1

Promotion and protection of the rights of children [106] (A/53/41, A/53/57, A/53/72-S/1998/156, A/53/95-S/1998/311, A/53/281, A/53/311, A/53/482)

Continuation of general discussion

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	22nd meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Promotion and protection of the rights of children [106] (A/53/41, A/53/57, A/53/72-S/1998/156, A/53/95-S/1998/311, A/53/281, A/53/311, A/53/482)

   Conclusion of general discussion

2. Advancement of women [103]

   Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.3/53/L.10, L.11, L.12 and L.13

3. Crime prevention and criminal justice [101]

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/53/L.8 and L.9

4. International drug control [102]

   Action on draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.7

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 113 (Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999: Development Account (A/52/1009 and A/53/7/Add.1))

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 114 (Programme planning (A/53/6 (Prog.1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 13/Rev.1, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 23 and Corr.1 and Corr.2 (French only), 24 and Corr.1, 26, 27 and 28), A/53/16, A/53/90, A/53/122 and Add.1, A/53/133 and Corr.1 (Spanish only) and A/53/134))

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	11th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	12th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Establishment of an international criminal court [153] (A/53/387, A/53/189)

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic (MINURCA)

WORKING GROUP ON THE FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND WORKS AGENCY FOR PALESTINE REFUGEES IN THE NEAR EAST

11 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Thursday, 22 October 1998

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE
(item 37: World Summit for Social Development)

9.30 a.m.-10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(item 93 (c) : special session on Habitat)

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

MOVEMENT OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES:

WORKING GROUP ON DISARMAMENT

11 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE
(item 104: Implementation of the Outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women)

1.45 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room D

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

1.45 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(item 93 (d): Renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international cooperation for development through partnership; and item 91: Macroeconomic policy questions: globalization)

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE FIRST COMMITTEE

5.30 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

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Meeting of co-sponsors

A meeting of co-sponsors of the draft resolution on objective information on military matters, including transparency of military expenditures, organized by the delegation of Germany, will be held *today*, 22 October 1998, from 9.30 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. in Conference Room 8.

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A meeting of all interested delegations and potential co-sponsors of the draft resolution entitled "Illicit Traffic in Small Arms", organized by the delegation of South Africa, will be held *today*, 22 October 1998, from 9.30 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. in Conference Room 9.

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A meeting of potential co-sponsors of the draft resolution zentitled "Transparency in Armaments", organized by the delegation of the Netherlands, will be held *today*, 22 October 1998, at 12 noon in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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Informal meetings

There will be an informal meeting, organized by the delegation of Canada, on the draft resolution on the prohibition of the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons and other nuclear explosive devices, *today*, 22 October 1998, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

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There will be an informal meeting, organized by the delegation of Ireland, on a draft resolution entitled "Towards a Nuclear-Weapon-Free World: The Need for a New Agenda" *today*, 22 October 1998, at 11 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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There will be an informal meeting, organized by the delegation of Canada, on the First Committee draft resolution on nuclear testing *today*, 22 October 1998, from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

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Informal briefing

There will be an informal meeting and exchange of views, organized by the International Monetary Fund (IMF), on the theme "The New Architecture for an International Monetary System - the IMF Perspective", *today*, 22 October 1998, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7. Mr. J. B. Zulu, IMF Special Representative to the United Nations and Director of the New York IMF Office, will make a presentation. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, the representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Panel discussion

There will be a panel discussion on the "Administration and Cost of Elections", sponsored by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (Sweden) and the International Foundation for Election Systems (United States), *today*, 22 October 1998, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 8. The panellists will be Mr. Jean-Pierre Kingsley, Chief Electoral Officer of Elections (Canada), Mr. José Woldenberg Karakowsky, President of the Federal Electoral Institute (Mexico), and a representative of USAID. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Informal consultations

There will be informal consultations on agenda item 37 (Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development) *today*, 22 October 1998, from 4.15 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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There will be a meeting of police contributors to the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina (International Police Task Force) *today*, 22 October 1998, at 3.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6. The meeting will be chaired by Mr. Michel Pelletier, Director, Europe and Latin America Division, Department of Peacekeeping Operations. Mr. Mark Kroeker, IPTF Deputy Commissioner, will give a briefing on developments in Bosnia and Herzegovina and on the increasing demand for professional competence when selecting police officers for service with the International Police Task Force.

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Closed consultations among members of the Security Council and troop contributors on the United Nations Observer Mission in Sierra Leone (UNOMSIL) will be held *today*, 22 October 1998, at 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

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Announcement

As from Friday, 2 October 1998, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place at 1.15 p.m., or shortly after the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Friday, 23 October 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

GENERAL COMMITTEE

9 a.m.	3rd meeting	*Conference Room 4*

Adoption of the agenda of the fifty-third regular session of the General Assembly and allocation of items [8]:

(a) Request for the inclusion of an additional item submitted by the Democratic Republic of the Congo (A/53/232);

(b) Request for the inclusion of an additional item submitted by the Islamic Republic of Iran (A/53/233).

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	13th meeting	Conference Room 4

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m.	11th meeting	Conference Room 4

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	23rd meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	24th meeting	Conference Room 2
Afternoon*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 2

* Following the adjournment of the 24th meeting of the Second Committee.

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	23rd meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	12th meeting	Conference Room 3
Morning*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

* Following the adjournment of the 12th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE:

WORKING GROUP ON THE UNITED NATIONS DECADE OF INTERNATIONAL LAW

3 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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SECOND COMMITTEE

Panel discussions

A panel discussion on "How to Achieve a Better Coherence and Improved Coordination among Environmental and Environment Related Conventions" will be held on Friday, 23 October 1998, from 3 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 2. The panellists will be Mr. Hama Arba Diallo, Executive Secretary of the Secretariat of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification, Mr. Michael Zammit-Cutajar, Executive Secretary, Secretariat of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, Mr. Sam Johnston, Legal Affairs Officer (Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity), and Mr. Jorge Illueca, Director of the Division of Coordination on Environmental Convention (United Nations Environment Programme). All interested delegations are invited to attend.

A panel discussion on "Adjusting the Role of Governments to Globalization" will be held on Tuesday, 27 October 1998, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. The panellists will be Mr. Shabbir G. Cheema, Director, Management Development and Governance Division, UNDP, and Ms. Cheryl Gray, Manager of Public Sector Management Unit, World Bank. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

Briefing

There will be an informal presentation by Professor Johannes A. van Ginkel, Rector of the United Nations University, on Monday, 26 October 1998, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 5. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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FIFTH COMMITTEE

Briefing

The Assistant Secretary-General for Human Resources Management will also hold a special briefing for interested delegations on the report of the Secretary-General on human resources management reform (A/53/414) on Friday, 23 October 1998, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

Following the adjournment of the special briefing, the Assistant Secretary-General for Human Resources Management will apprise members of the Group of 77 and China on the current status of activities for the reform of human resources management.

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The Committee on Information will resume its twentieth session on Tuesday, 27 October 1998, at 3 p.m. in Trusteeship Council Chamber. Following the formal opening of the meeting and introduction of the report of the Secretary-General on the development of United Nations international radio broadcasting capacity (A/AC.198/1998/4)*, the Committee will begin informal consultations on this report.

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The 1998 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities and the 1998 United Nations/Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme will be held in two segments.

The joint opening of both Pledging Conferences will take place on Tuesday, 3 November 1998, at 3 p.m., to be followed by the segment devoted to the 1998 United Nations/Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme.

The second segment devoted to the 1998 Pledging Conference for Development Activities will be held on Wednesday, 4 November, at 10 a.m. and on Thursday, 5 November, at 10 a.m.

It would be appreciated if delegations that have not already submitted the names of their representatives to both Pledging Conferences could do so to the Secretary of the Pledging Conferences, Mr. Alexandre de Barros (room S-2950-G, tel.: 963-2320).

The list of speakers for both pledging conferences will be open beginning Monday, 26 October, until Monday, 2 November.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 of the Second Committee *(on item 94 (e) (Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa)* on Friday, 23 October 1998 at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 6.

There will be meetings of the Group of 77 of the Third Committee *(on item 108 (Elimination of racism and racial discrimination)* on Monday, 26 October 1998, at 1.45 p.m. Conference Room 9.

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There will be a meeting of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee on Friday, 30 October 1998, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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There will be a meeting, organized by the Inter-Parliamentary Union, of Parliamentarians attending the fifty-third session of the General Assembly on Monday, 26 October 1998, from 10 a.m. to 12.45 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The meeting will be chaired by Mr. Miguel Angel Martínez, President of the Inter-Parliamentary Council. All Parliamentarians are invited to attend.

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Meetings of co-sponsors

A meeting of potential co-sponsors and interested delegations on the draft resolution entitled "Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency", organized by the delegation of Slovenia, will be held on Friday, 23 October 1998, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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A meeting of co-sponsors and interested delegations on the draft resolution submitted under agenda item 42 (Assistance in mine clearance), organized by the delegation of Austria, will be held on Friday, 23 October 1998, from 12 noon to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.

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Informal briefing

There will be a briefing by Mr. Alan Simcock of the British Government's Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions, on Monday, 26 October 1998, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6, on the Second London Oceans Workshop, which is being sponsored jointly by the united Kingdom and Brazil in December 1998, to assist the preparations for the 1999 session of the Commission on Sustainable Development. The briefing will be followed by a question-and-answer period. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Symposium

A symposium on "De-alerting of Nuclear Weapons", organized by the Department for Disarmament Affairs, will be held on Monday, 26 October 1998, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. Members of permanent missions and representatives of interested organizations are invited to attend.

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Seminars

The first seminar of the economic governance seminar series on the theme "Towards a More Differentiated Perspective on Industrial Policy", organized by the Division for Public Economics and Public Administration (DPEPA) of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), will take place on Wednesday, 28 October 1998, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room A. Prof. Richard Nelson, Columbia University, will make a presentation. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, the representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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A seminar on the theme "The Impact of Reductions in Working Hours on Employment", sponsored by the Division for Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), will take place on Friday, 30 October 1998, from 1.45 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room A. Professor Dr. Gerhard Bosch of the Institut Arbeit und Technik, Germany, will make a presentation. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a French-language workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions for members of permanent missions in New York. The workshop will be held on the following dates: Wednesday, 4 November 1998, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m; Thursday, 5 November from 3 to 6 p.m.; and Friday, 6 November from 3 to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is Friday, 30 October. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603, tel.: 963-9196).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Wednesday, 21 October 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

40th plenary meeting

Report of the Security Council (A/53/2) [11]

The representative of the United Kingdom, in his capacity as President of the Security Council, made a statement in the course of which he introduced the report of the Security Council (A/53/2).

Statements were made by the representatives of Germany, Malaysia, New Zealand, Colombia, Ukraine, Mexico, Norway, Myanmar, Nigeria, Egypt, Brazil, Costa Rica, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and China.

Programme of work

The President informed delegates that H.E. Mr. Jørgen Bøjer, Permanent Representative of Denmark to the United Nations, would coordinate the informal consultations on the draft resolutions to be submitted under agenda item 20 (Strengthening of the coordinations of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance). The President further informed delegates that the first meeting of the informal consultations would be held on Wednesday, 28 October, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Announcement

The President informed the General Assembly that the 1998 United Nations/Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme would be held on Tuesday, 3 November, in the afternoon.

The President also informed the Assembly that the 1998 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities would be held on Wednesday and Thursday, 4 and 5 November, in the morning of both days.

The President also informed the Assembly that the announcement of voluntary contributions of the 1999 programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees would take place on Friday, 13 November, in the morning.

The President further informed the Assembly that the announcement of voluntary contributions to the 1999 programmes of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East would take place on Thursday, 3 December, in the morning.

41st plenary meeting

Report of the Security Council (A/53/2) [11]

Statements were made by the representatives of India, the Philippines, Australia, Canada, Japan, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Senegal, Italy, Portugal, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Chile, Sweden and Peru.

Programme of work

The President informed the General Assembly that the two Fifth Committee reports originally scheduled for the following day would be taken up on Monday, 26 October 1998, in the morning.

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE 12th meeting

Conclusion of general debate

The Committee continued its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of the Sudan, Zambia, Nepal, the Syrian Arab Republic, Georgia and Cyprus.

In the exercise of the right of reply, statements were made by the representatives of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Azerbaijan, Armenia, Israel, Turkey, the Republic of Korea, the Syrian Arab Republic and Cyprus.

SECOND COMMITTEE 19th meeting

Operational activities for development [95]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.9

The Committee resumed its consideration of agenda item 95.

The representative of Sweden introduced the draft resolution.

Environment and sustainable development [94]

(a) Implementation of and follow-up to the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, including the outcome of the nineteenth special session of the General Assembly for the purpose of an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of Agenda 21

The Committee began its consideration of the item.

Introductory statements were made by the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, the Director of the Secretariat of the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction and the Director of the Regional Office for North America of the United Nations Environment Programme.

Statements were made by the representatives of Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Austria (on behalf of the European Union, the Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia and the associated countries, Cyprus and Norway, which aligned themselves with this statement), Brazil (also on behalf of Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Paraguay and Uruguay), the United States, the Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation, China, Cuba, Panama (also on behalf of Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Mexico, Paraguay, Panama, Peru, Uruguay, Venezuela and Guyana), Belarus, Canada, Nigeria, Cyprus, Norway, Israel and the Republic of Moldova.

20th meeting

The Committee continued its consideration of agenda item 94 (a) and heard statements by the representatives of Tunisia, Iraq, Ecuador, San Marino, Nepal, Kenya, Japan, Micronesia, Mongolia and Peru.

The representative of the World Food Programme also made a statement.

The representative of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea made a statement in the exercise of the right of reply.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion on agenda item 94 (a).

Organization of work

The Committee agreed to reschedule its consideration of agenda item 96 (b) to the afternoon of 4 November and of agenda item 12 to 10 November.

THIRD COMMITTEE 19th meeting

Promotion and protection of the rights of children [106]

The Committee continued its consideration of the item and heard statements by the representatives of Uruguay, Ukraine, China, Pakistan, Fiji, Kuwait, Egypt, Lebanon, Mexico, Brazil, Cuba, Sri Lanka, Argentina, Canada, Turkmenistan, Trinidad and Tobago, Iraq, Peru, Kenya and Uganda.

Statements were also made by the representatives of the International Labour Organization and the International Committee of the Red Cross.

20th meeting

The Committee continued its consideration of agenda item 106 and heard statements by the representatives of the United Arab Emirates, Brunei Darussalam, Senegal, Ethiopia, Indonesia, Algeria, the Sudan, Iceland, New Zealand, Zimbabwe, Romania, Mongolia, Viet Nam, Mozambique, Guatemala (also on behalf of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama and the Dominican Republic), Côte d'Ivoire, the United Republic of Tanzania, the Niger, Thailand, Eritrea and the Russian Federation.

Statements were also made by the representatives of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS.

The representatives of Israel and Lebanon made statements in the exercise of the right of reply.

FIFTH COMMITTEE 11th meeting

Pattern of conferences [117]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the report of that Committee (A/53/507).

SIXTH COMMITTEE 9th and 10th meetings

Establishment of an international criminal court [153]

Statements were made by the representatives of Austria (on behalf of the European Union and Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Slovakia, Cyprus and Iceland), Italy, South Africa (on behalf of SADC), Malawi, Spain, Bangladesh, Côte d'Ivoire, Trinidad and Tobago (on behalf of CARICOM), the United States, Samoa (on behalf of the South Pacific Forum), Malaysia, the United Republic of Tanzania, Panama (on behalf of the Group of Rio), Senegal, Kenya, Japan, New Zealand, Greece, Norway, Croatia and the Republic of Korea, as well as by the observer of Switzerland.

The Chairman also spoke.

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Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE
United Nations Office at Geneva
Sixty-fourth session

WEDNESDAY, 21 OCTOBER 1998

1704th and 1705th meetings

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant [4]

The Committee began and concluded its consideration of the third periodic report of Iceland (CCPR/C/94/Add.2).

In accordance with the Committee's rules of procedure, the representatives of the State party were present at the meetings and replied to questions raised and observations made by members of the Committee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Disarmament Week

The Department for Disarmament Affairs, in collaboration with the Department of Public Information and the NGO Committee on Disarmament (New York), will hold a series of panel discussions to take place during the Disarmament Week of 1998, beginning *today*, 22 October, and from 26 to 29 October 1998. *Today,* the first panel on the theme "Global Action to Prevent War" will be held at 10.30 a.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

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Staff Council

There will be meeting of the Staff Council *today*, 22 October 1998, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The meeting is open to staff members only.

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Special events

A United Nations Day concert of classical music will be held on Friday, 23 October 1998, at 4 p.m. in the General Assembly Hall. Philharmonie der Nationen, with Justus Frantz conducting, will perform works by Beethoven and Rimsky-Korsakov. H.E. Dr. Didier Opertti Badán, President of the fifty-third session of the General Assembly, Ms. Louise Fréchette, Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations, and H.E. Dr. Dieter Kastrup, Permanent Representative of Germany to the United Nations, will make statements. The concert is co-sponsored by the Government of Germany and the Department of Public Information (DPI). Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, the representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media will be admitted on presentation of a valid grounds pass.

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A special event will take place on Thursday, 29 October 1998, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium, to launch the volume "The Universal Declaration of Human Rights: Fifty Years and Beyond" published by Baywood Publishing Company, for and on behalf of the United Nations.

The event is co-sponsored by Argentina, Canada, Costa Rica, the Czech Republic, the Dominican Republic, the Philippines, Samoa, South Africa and Sweden, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and the Department of Public Information, as well as several non-governmental organizations.

The event will include statements of the Secretary-General, the High Commissioner for Human Rights and other contributors to the book. Ambassador William J. Vanden Heuvel, Chairman, United States Coordinating Committee for UDHR50, will be the guest speaker. All delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

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Information Fair

The Annual Inter-Agency Information Fair, organized by the Department of Public Information, is being held in the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building until Friday, 23 October 1998. The event brings together nearly 30 specialized agencies, programmes and departments of the United Nations system, each with representatives on hand to answer questions and distribute brochures, posters and other information materials.

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New United Nations stamps and souvenir card

On Tuesday, 27 October 1998, the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) will issue a set of six commemorative stamps on the theme "Fiftieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights". The denominations of the new stamps will be 32 cents, 55 cents, F.s. 0,90, F.s. 1,80, S 4.50 and S 7. A souvenir card will also be issued on the same theme. The new stamps, souvenir card, first day covers and hand cancellations can be obtained by members of delegations and staff at the north end of the Secretariat Lobby on 27 October from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and at the UNPA sales counter in the concourse of the General Assembly Building from 9 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. Details about the new stamps and souvenir card are available in Information Circular ST/IC/1998/63.

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